



April 16, 2013

Via Electronic Submission

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: ***Notice of Oral Ex Parte Communication***
CG Docket Nos. 03-123, 13-24

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This letter is to inform you that on April 12, 2013, representatives from Sprint Nextel Corporation (“Sprint”), Hamilton Relay, Inc., Ultratec, Inc., and Weitbrecht Communications, Inc. (collectively, the “Providers”)¹ met with Jonathan Chambers, Acting Chief, Office of Strategic Planning and Analysis, Kris Monteith, Acting Bureau Chief, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Karen Peltz-Strauss, Deputy Bureau Chief, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Gregory Hlibok, Disability Rights Office, Diane Griffin Holland, Office of General Counsel, Eliot Greenwald, Disability Rights Office, Robert Aldrich, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Diane Mason, Disability Rights Office, Andrew Mulitz, Wireline Competition Bureau, E. Elaine Gardner, Disability Rights Office, and Helen Chang, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau.²

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the interim rule in the above-referenced proceeding which requires Internet Protocol Captioned Telephone Service (“IP CTS”) providers to ensure that equipment and software used in conjunction with IP CTS have a default setting of “captions off” at the beginning of each call, so that the consumer must take an affirmative step to turn on the captions each time the consumer wishes to use the service. The Providers noted that they are in compliance with the interim rules, including the “captions off” requirement.³ The

¹ In-person representation for the Providers included Ray Rothermel (Sprint), Phil Marchesiello (Counsel for Ultratec, Inc.), and David O’Connor (Counsel for Hamilton). In addition, the following representatives for the Providers participated in the meeting via conference call: Dixie Ziegler (Hamilton); Mike Ellis, Dennis Selznick, Mark Tauscher, and Mark Seeger (Sprint); Rob Engelke, Jayne Turner, Kevin Colwell, Pam Holmes, and Tim Engelke (Ultratec, Inc.); and, Barbara Dreyfus (Weitbrecht Communications, Inc.).

² This letter is being submitted by Sprint on behalf of the Providers.

³ The Providers filed a Petition for Limited Waiver, covering the period from March 7-April 7, 2013, which remains pending before the FCC. The Providers urged prompt action on the Petition.

Providers also indicated their full support for consideration of other reasonable measures that could be taken to help avoid misuse of IP CTS, while still alleviating consumer concerns.⁴

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, this letter is being electronically filed with your office. Please let us know if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Attachment

⁴ During the April 12, 2013 meeting, the Providers distributed copies of a document entitled, "Sampling of CapTel User Complaints Following Implementation of the Interim Order for the Captions Default Off Rule." (Copy attached.)